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Title: Printed Thermoplastic Film with Radiation-Cured Overprint Varnish

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Amendment After Allowance Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

Applicants note with appreciation the Notice of Allowance mailed May 19, 2004.

Applicants request the cancellation of allowed claims 1-5, 17, and 24-36. No additional search or examination is required for this request because it is a cancellation of claims.

Applicants also request amendment of allowed dependent claims 6-10, 14-15, and 37-40, which formerly depended from canceled claim 1, so that these claims now depend from allowed independent claim 22. Applicants also request amendment of allowed dependent claims 11-13, which formerly depended from canceled claim 1, so that these claims now depend from allowed independent claim 18. No additional search or examination is required for this request, because it is simply changing the dependency of already allowed dependent claims.

Applicants also request the addition of new dependent claim 41, which depends from allowed independent claim 22. Thus, no additional search or examination is required. Entry of this new dependent claim is requested to provide coverage directed to an embodiment of the invention in which the substrate film comprises ethylene/vinyl alcohol copolymer ("EVOH"). Support for this new dependent claim is clearly provided in the application as originally filed, for example, at page 14, line 26.

The requested amendments to the claims are as set forth in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper. For the convenience of the Office, also enclosed is a clean version of the pending claims, which begins on page 8 of this paper.

The issue fee has not yet been paid.

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No fee is believed to be due for these amendments; however, should a fee be due, then please charge any fee or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1765.

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